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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: T-Ditt2

To Interested Parties and Transmission Customers:

You were notified last month about the Bonneville Power Administration's Transmission Business Line (TBL) schedule for several regional workshops during June 2004 as part of its Programs in Review (PIR) public process. We have since added an abbreviated meeting in Missoula, Montana in July. Details of all the meetings are included below.

All interested parties and customers are invited to discuss proposed program levels for 2006 through 2007. This public process will provide an opportunity to discuss with TBL senior management their plans to continue to meet the primary objectives of system reliability and delivering low-cost transmission to the Northwest. TBL is inviting you to share your thoughts on the level of spending associated with these programs. Areas of focus to be discussed include:

- ?? TBL vision and objectives Mapping into the agency vision
  - o Maintaining system reliability for an improving economy
  - o Providing low-cost transmission to the Northwest
  - o Increased accountability to customers and constituents
  - Heightened environmental consciousness
- ?? Accomplishments by TBL over the last two years
  - Completed infrastructure projects
  - o Improving reliability and management of a constrained system
- ?? Challenges faced by TBL programs over the last two years
  - Cost cutting
  - o Revenue shortfalls
- ?? Proposed capital and expense levels

Please plan to attend one or more of these meetings. Dates, times and locations are as follows. For parking information, please see the website calendar for your specific meeting.

June 11, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Idaho Falls Power Conference Room 140 S. Capital Ave. Idaho Falls, Idaho

June 18, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Spokane Teachers Credit Union 106 W. Nora Spokane, Wash. June 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Benton PUD Auditorium 2721 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. Kennewick, Wash.

June 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tacoma Auditorium 3628 S. 35th Street Tacoma, Wash.

June 25, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **BPA Rates Hearing Room** 911 N.E. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland, Ore.

July 22, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Holiday Inn Parkside 200 S. Pattee St. #2

June 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Springfield Utility Boardroom 250 A Street Springfield, Ore.

Additional PIR information and handouts for the meetings will be available on the TBL website http://www2.transmission.bpa.gov/Business/Customer\_Forums\_and\_Feedback/Programs\_in\_Re view/pir2004.cfm on June 9. The comment period for this process is June 11 through August 31, 2004. Please send your comments to Programs in Review – T-Ditt2, Bonneville Power Administration, PO Box 491, Vancouver, Washington, 98666 or email them to tblfeedback@bpa.gov. For more information, call the toll free line at 1-888-276-7790.

Sincerely,

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